

**TOGETHER, WE HAVE THE POWER**

# Energy aggregation for small consumers workshop

*Creating market power for small consumers – rural, urban, low income and small business – in the energy market.*

Small consumers can unite their purchasing power to obtain and maintain competitive advantage in the energy market place. Member-based organisations are best positioned to aggregate their members' energy usage and provide further benefits to them. You can use this workshop to discover how to assist your members and other small consumers by providing value-added benefits through aggregated energy purchasing. Find out how aggregation will benefit you and your organisation and how to do it.

**Tuesday, 1 August, 2000**

**9.00am – 3.30pm**

**City of Moreland Concert Hall**

**90 Bell Street, Coburg (Melways reference: 17 J12)**

## **Speakers include:**

**Robert L. Church** (US-based Energy Consultant)

**David Griffiths** (Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd)

**Renee Klimczak** (TXU)

**Fiona McLeod** (Energy Industry Ombudsman)

**Graeme Charles** (Co-operative Energy Ltd)

**Mike Hill** (Victorian Local Governance Association)

**Paul Murfitt** (Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria)

**PLUS** presentations from the **Office of the Regulator-General, ACCC** and **Victorian Government Energy Policy Unit**

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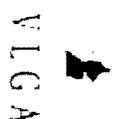
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***Registration is essential by 5pm, Tuesday, 25 July 2000***

**Cost (incl. morning tea and lunch):**

**Members of Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd, CUSCAL and VLGA: \$50**

**Unemployed/pensioners: Free**

**Others: \$100**

## Workshop Program

**Tuesday 1 August 2000**

- 8.30am: Registration Tea/coffee
- 9.00am: Welcome: Cr Leigh Snelling, City of Moreland
- 9.10am: *Setting the Scene*: David Griffiths, Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd; Graeme Charles, Co-operative Energy Ltd
- 9.35am: Robert L. Church, Small Consumers and Energy Co-operatives
- 10.45am: Victorian Government Energy Policy Unit
- 11.00am: Office of the Regulator-General
- 11.15am: ACCC
- 11.30am: Morning tea/coffee
- 11.50am: Fiona McLeod, Energy Ombudsman
- 12.15pm: Renee Klimczak, TXU
- 12.45pm: Lunch
- 1.40pm: *Exploring the Options* (Panel discussion and question time) – Robert L. Church, David Griffiths, Graeme Charles, Mike Hill, Paul Murfitt.
- 3.15pm: *Concluding Remarks* - David Griffiths, Graeme Charles and Robert L Church.
- 3.30pm: Close

## Robert L. Church

Keynote speaker Robert L. Church has been involved in business planning for several new energy co-operatives in the United States. He is president of Management Consulting Services Inc.

Electric deregulation in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and California, for example, has created opportunities for individual consumers to shop around for their electricity. Small consumers are finding that the best way to shop around is through co-operatives. Mr Church was involved in the early stage development of the business plan for a regional supply co-operative that will procure power for housing co-operatives and the general population in New York. He also works with an electric co-operative and the national leadership of several environmental groups to establish a co-operative that will enable consumers to aggregate their electric load and to set environment standards for the source of their electricity.

He has undertaken business planning for a group of large agricultural co-operatives in California – aggregating the co-operatives into an energy buying group.

**YES, I would like to learn more about aggregation for small power consumers. I will be at the workshop on 1 August.**

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Register by 5pm Tuesday, 25 July 2000 to:

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